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THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

\$1,000  
DOLLARS  
THOUSANDS  
OF  
SUBSCRIBERS  
TO  
THE  
HONGKONG  
TELEGRAPH  
ON  
1st  
OCTOBER,  
1895,  
PAID  
FOR  
THE  
SUM  
OF  
\$1,000  
AGAINST  
FIRE  
ACCIDENT.

## Banks.

**THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.**  
AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... £1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED ..... £1,125,000  
PAID-UP ..... £562,500

**BANKERS:**  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.  
INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.  
ON NEW FIXED DEPOSITS—  
For 12 months ..... 4 per cent.  
" 6 " ..... 3 " "  
" 3 " ..... 2 " "  
DEPOSITS RENEWED ON OLD TERMS.  
J. W. TAYLOR,  
Manager, Hongkong.

**THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.**  
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... £500,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... £200,000  
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INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.  
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months ..... 4 per cent.  
" 6 " ..... 3 " "  
" 3 " ..... 2 " "  
T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.**  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... £10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... £5,750,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... £10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
A. McCORMACK, Esq., Chairman.  
St. C. MICHAELSON, Esq., Deputy Chairman.  
Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING, Esq., J. KRAMER, Esq.,  
G. B. DODWELL, Esq., D. R. SASSON, Esq.,  
M. D. ECKHART, Esq., R. SHAW, Esq.,  
R. M. GRAY, Esq., N. SIEBE, Esq.,  
CHIEF MANAGER:  
Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.,  
MANAGER:  
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.,  
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY  
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.  
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the daily balance.  
INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager, Hongkong.

**HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.**  
THE Business of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be  
obtained on application.  
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS is allowed at 3½ per  
cent. per annum.  
Depositors may transfer at their option  
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED  
DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.  
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.**  
Authorized Capital ..... £1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... £500,000  
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
D. GILLIES, Esq., Chow Tung Shing, Esq.,  
H. STOLTERFOLT, Esq., Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,  
CHIEF MANAGER:  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.  
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895.

**Intimations.**  
CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT  
7 PER CENT. SILVER  
LOAN OF 1886, E.

19th-HALF YEARLY DRAWING.  
INTEREST DUE AND DRAWN BONDS OF  
this LOAN will be PAYABLE at the  
OFFICES of the CORPORATION on and after the  
31st March, 1896.  
Lists of Drawn Bonds can be obtained on  
application to the Undersecretary.  
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,  
Agents issuing the Loan,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

**THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD  
MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
A DIVIDEND OF SIX PENCE per Share  
has been Declared, PAYABLE on the  
18th May, 1896, in BRISBANE, in respect of  
Shares on the Brisbane Register and in  
Singapore in respect of Shares on the Singapore  
Register.  
Notice is hereby given that the Singapore  
Branch Register will be CLOSED from 8th to  
18th May, 1896, inclusive.  
By Order of the Directors,  
G. A. DERRICK,  
Local Secretary.

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are  
requested to send in a STATEMENT of  
BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the Half Year  
ended 31st December, 1895, on or before the  
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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
R. COOKE,  
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## Intimations.

**BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN  
AGENCY, LIMITED.**  
HONGKONG HOTEL-PRAYA.

Sole Eastern Agents for

SPRINTON GRIP ARMOURD HOSE.

SNOWDON, SONS & Co. "SNOW-  
DRIFT" MANUFACTURERS.

THE NEW WIRE WOVE ROOFING CO.

THE ALUMINIUM AND GENERAL  
FOUNDRY CO.

BELL'S METALLIC and ASBESTOS PACKINGS are unequalled for both Compound and  
Triple Expansion Engines.

COTTON PARAGON PACKING, TUCK'S PACKING and all kinds of jointings kept in stock.  
SPECIALLY MADE CLOTH FOR FILTERS.

ENGINE AND CYLINDER OILS.  
W. JACKSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1896.

TRADE MARK.

We have REMOVED to the more Commo-  
dious Premises No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD  
CENTRAL.

YUEN WO.

TELEPHONE, No. 135.

**GADE PRICE & CO.,**  
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1896.

OUR GREAT AIM IS TO SUPPLY OUR CUSTOMERS WITH THE VERY BEST  
ARTICLE AT A LOW PRICE.

THAT IS WHY WE ARE INTRODUCING  
**BRAUN'S "EXPORT" BEER**

PRICE:—  
\$10.50 per Case of 6 dozen Pints. \$12.50 per Case of 4 dozen Quarts.  
Cash on Delivery.

THE SEATTLE BREWING & MALTING CO., CHINA-JAPAN AGENCY.  
Head Office—8, D'Aguilar Street, Hongkong.

For price and terms, apply to  
THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1896.

EXPLOSION IMPOSSIBLE.

**JASTRAM'S PATENT  
GOLDEN MEDAL  
PETROLEUM ENGINES**

OF 2 TO 12 H.P.  
FOR FACTORIES AND LAUNCHES.

WORKED BY ORDINARY PETROLEUM.

Consumption of Petroleum 1 lb. per H.P. and Hour.

A Working-Stationary Engine and a Launch with a 4 H.P.

Engine will be shown and full particulars be given on application.

**SCHIELE & CO., HONGKONG,**  
SOLE AGENTS FOR THE EAST.

NO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REQUIRED.

**FOR SALE.**

**G. H. MUMM & CO'S CHAMPAGNE.**

In cases of 2 doz. pints ..... \$35 per case.  
do 1 doz. quarts ..... \$35 "

SHEWAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1895.

**SHERRIES.**

PER DOZEN.

OLOROSO, red seal (fine nutty golden) ..... \$18.00

AMONTILLADO, white seal (choicest dry) ..... \$20.00

SOLERA, yellow seal (fruity golden) ..... \$20.00

SOLERA, black seal (a very dark fruity wine, vin. 1880) ..... \$25.00

AMOROSO, green seal (rich golden) ..... \$30.00

The above stand in the first rank of after dinner SHERRIES and have  
been specially selected by our London house at very low prices for wines  
of such quality.

**CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,**  
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1896.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**  
GENERAL STORE-KEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.  
SHIPCHANDLERY DEPARTMENT.

SIR CHAS. PRICE & Co's ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.  
ENGLBERT'S CYLINDER OIL.  
CRANE'S CYLINDER OIL.  
VALVOLINE, CASTOR OIL, &c., &c.

TUCK'S GENUINE PATENT PACKING.  
ASBESTOS PACKINGS of all kinds.  
PARAGON PATENT PACKING.

ROPE, CANVAS, &c.

HUBBUCK'S PAINTS and VARNISHES.

HOLZAPFEL'S PATENT COMPOSITION, ANTI-CORROSION and ANTI-FOULING.

STEEL VARNISH.

SOAPSTONE ENAMEL COMPOSITIONS for Hoops, Bumpers and Top-edges.

FRESH WATER SUPPLIED.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**

Hongkong, 4th February, 1896.

## Intimations.

**PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

STRAITS AND BOMBAY. ReMilla S. Barcham Noon, 4th April.

SHANGHAI. Peking J. F. Jephson About 5th April.

LONDON. Formosa E. P. Bishop 5 P.M., 7th April.

LONDON. Katar-t-Hind C. L. Daniel Noon, 9th April.

JAPAN. Anson W. D. Mudge Noon, 10th April.

LONDON. Shangai J. Cowie, R.N.R. About 18th April.

For Further Particulars, apply to  
ALF. WOOLLEY, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1896.

**MOUNT AUSTIN  
HOTEL.**  
1,400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "EXCELSIOR," HONGKONG. TELEPHONE, No. 35.

THE TEMPERATURE IS AT LEAST 10 DEGREES COOLER THAN IN  
QUEEN'S ROAD.

TIFFIN AT 1 P.M. DINNER AT 8 P.M.

ARRANGEMENTS can be made for TIFFIN or DINNER PARTIES in  
PRIVATE DINING-ROOM.

For further Particulars apply to  
THE MANAGER,  
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1895.

**KELLY & WALSH, LD.**

**CIGARETTES.**

SWEET CAPORAL.

BIRD'S EYE.

THREE CASTLES.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1896.

**TOBACCOES.**

WILLIS BRISTOL BIRD'S EYE.

THREE CASTLES.

PIONEER BRAND.

CAPTAIN NAVY CUT.

OUR MUTUAL FRIEND.

COPE'S BIRD'S EYE.

MONTHLY RATES FOR  
MEALS  
AT H.K. HOTEL

BRKFAST ..... \$1.00  
TIFFIN ..... 15.00  
DINNER ..... 20.00  
ALL 3 MEALS ..... 45.00

**THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY,**  
Nos. 11, 13 and 15 Central Market.

TRY OUR.

VEAL SAUSAGES 25 Cents per lb.

BOLOGNA SAUSAGES 50 Cents per lb.

SHIPPING AND COAST PORT ORDERS WILL HAVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

J. TATAM,  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1895.

**THE CLUB HOTEL.**  
5, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervi-  
sion of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT.  
Experienced English matron in attendance.

The Hotel steam-launch with European Agent attends arrivals and departures; every  
assistance given in clearing luggage and affording information. Passengers are met at the  
Railway Station.

VISITORS have the option of messing either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra  
charge—THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER  
on the Premises.

Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.

THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager, YOKOHAMA.

L. DEWETTE, Manager, TOKYO.

TO SHIPMASTERS.

ENQUIRE where your FRESH WATER is  
obtained by the Water Boats; as FOUL  
WATER is the cause of much sickness on  
board ship.

We are the only Water-Boat Company in  
Hongkong exclusively supplying FILTERED  
WATER.

Call "W." W.

J. W. KEW & Co.,  
STEAM WATER-BOAT CO.,  
15, Prince Street.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1895.

**MEE CHEUNG,**  
PHOTOGRAPHER,  
TOP FLOOR OF ICE HOUSE, 11  
ICE-HOUSE ROAD.

Is now in a position, in his New and Com-  
plete Premises, to receive, as heretofore,  
ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART PRACTICED  
in the Colony or in any part of the Far East.

GROUPS AND VIEWS

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1894.

## Insurances.

**THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY.**  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1824.

CAPITAL ..... £2,000,000  
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITIES ..... £2,480,055  
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIUMS ..... £757,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the  
above Company we are prepared to accept  
EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at  
CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1896.

**NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.**

THE Underwritten AGENTS of the above  
Company are prepared to accept First  
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at  
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

## NOTICE.

**THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.**

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,  
&c. Policies granted to all parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1894.

## GENERAL NOTICE.

**THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).**

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 ..... \$33,333.33  
EQUAL TO ..... \$33,333.33  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$38,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUK MOON, Esq.,  
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the  
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1895.

## Intimations.

### BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1895  
the Undermentioned BANKS will be  
CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business  
on FRIDAY, the 3rd April (GOOD FRIDAY) and  
on MONDAY, the 6th April (EASTER MONDAY).

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,  
T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,  
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA,  
LIMITED,  
J. W. R. TAYLOR,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,  
Hongkong Agency,  
L. SIMON,  
Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,  
HONGKONG,  
CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1896.

## INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE  
OFFICES will be CLOSED for the  
Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY,  
the 3rd April (GOOD FRIDAY) and on MONDAY,  
the 6th April (EASTER MONDAY):—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Agents,  
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.

General Manager,  
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

N. J. EDE,  
Secretary,  
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF  
CANTON, LD.

L. KENNARD DAVIS,  
Acting Agent,  
NORTHERN CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.



Today's  
Advertisements.

**THEATRE ROYAL,**  
CITY HALL  
**WILLARD OPERA COMPANY**  
AND  
MR. JOHN F. SHERIDAN  
TONIGHT (TUESDAY), 31st March,  
The Great Avenue Success,  
"DANDY DICK WHITTINGTON."  
(The Circus Boy).  
Mr. JOHN F. SHERIDAN in his Original Part  
of LADY FITZ WARREN.  
This Part was SPECIALLY WRITTEN for  
Mr. JOHN F. SHERIDAN by Mr. GEO. R.  
SIMS, and the Piece runs for upwards of 300  
Nights at the Avenue Theatre, London.  
TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), 1st April,  
"THE ARTISTS' MODEL."  
THURSDAY, 2nd April,  
"THE NEW BARMAID."  
FRIDAY, 3rd April,  
GOOD FRIDAY.  
No Performance.  
SATURDAY, 4th April,  
"CITY TOWN."  
First Appearance of Mr. PEMBERTON  
WILLARD in his Great Impersonation of  
CAPTAIN CODDINGTON.  
Prices:—\$2, \$3, & \$1.  
BOX PLAN at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd.  
Hongkong, 31st March, 1896. [584]

## NOTICE.

A SPECIAL SESSION OF HER  
MAJESTY'S JUSTICES OF THE PEACE  
will be held in the JUSTICES' ROOM, at the  
MAGISTRACY, at 2 1/2 o'clock in the Afternoon  
of TUESDAY, the 7th day of April, A.D. 1896,  
for the purpose of considering an application  
from one ESTHER OLIVER for the Transfer  
of her Publican's License to Sell and Retail  
Intoxicating Liquors to the Premises situate at  
house Nos. 12 and 13 Queen Victoria Street,  
under the sign of THE TRAVELLER'S HOTEL to  
one AMILIA SCHWARZ.  
T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
Acting Police Magistrate.  
Hongkong, 25th March, 1896. [596]

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.  
CHRISTIAN SOPHUS OSCAR VON  
DER HEYDE in our Firm CEASED from the  
29th February last.  
CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.  
Hongkong, 31st March, 1896. [599]

## PORT WINE.

INVALID, per doz. \$17 00 per bot. \$1.65  
WHITE SEAL, " " " " \$1.35  
BLUE SEAL, " " " " \$1.10  
GREEN SEAL, " " " " \$0.85  
COOKING WINE, " " " " \$0.60

EXCELLENT recuperating properties will  
be found to Invalids in these Wines.  
Sample Bottles in small quantities will be  
supplied free.  
H. RUTTONJEE,  
13, D'Agall Street.  
[508]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.  
FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship  
"TIENSIN."  
Captain Carnahan, will be despatched on  
THURSDAY, 2nd April, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 31st March, 1896. [574]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.  
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship  
"HAILONG."  
Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above  
Ports on FRIDAY, the 3rd April, at  
Daylight, and as previously notified.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAURENCE & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 31st March, 1896. [589]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA,  
(FLORIO & RUBATTONI UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY.  
Having connection with Company's Mail  
Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, FORT SAID,  
MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and  
GENOA.

ALSO  
VENICE AND TRIESTE, all MEDITERRA-  
NEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and  
SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to  
CALLAO.

Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN  
GULF AND BAGDAD.

ALSO  
BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE,  
ALMERIA and MALAGA.

THE Steamship  
"BISAGNO."  
Captain Dodero, will be despatched as above  
on SATURDAY, the 4th April, at Noon.  
At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging to  
VICTORIA DOCK.

For Further Particulars regarding Freight and  
Passage, apply to  
CARLOWITZ & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 31st March, 1896. [577]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.  
FOR CHEFOO AND TIENSIN.

THE Steamship  
"KWEIYANG."  
Captain Dawson, will be despatched on  
SATURDAY, the 4th April.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 31st March, 1896. [559]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.  
FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship  
"GLENARTNEY."  
Captain Gedye, will be despatched as above on  
TUESDAY, the 7th April, at 4 P.M., instead of  
as previously advertised.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 31st March, 1896. [507]

Today's  
Advertisements.

**OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED**  
NOTICE is hereby given that the FIRST  
GENERAL MEETING of SHARE-  
HOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held  
at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Nos. 38 & 40,  
Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on  
SATURDAY, the 7th day of April next, at  
NOON.  
Dated Hongkong 31st March 1896.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
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**ZETLAND LODGE,**  
No. 525, E.C.  
AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above  
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'  
HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY, the 2nd  
April, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting  
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 31st March, 1896. [601]

## Intimations.

**DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &  
COMPANY, LIMITED,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.**

## AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.  
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DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are  
made under the constant supervision of a duly  
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-  
parison with the best English Manufactures.  
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSERS and  
other Large Consumers.  
Any complaints should be addressed to the  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 31st March 1896. [427]

**A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

**WINE AND  
SPIRITS.**

ALL these are selected by our London House,  
bought direct at first hand, imported in wood  
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all inter-  
mediate profits, and enabling us to supply the  
best goods at MODERATE PRICES.

PORT after removal should be rested a month  
before use. When required for drinking at  
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the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner  
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are  
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest  
priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine  
product of the juice of the grape and are not  
artificially made from raisins and currents  
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be  
pure Cognac, the difference in price being  
merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent  
quality and of greater age than most brands  
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY  
marked "E" is universally popular, and is  
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs  
to be superior to any other brand in the  
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS  
to be genuine when bought direct from us in  
the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the  
Coast Ports.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.**  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 10th January, 1896.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.  
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Telegraph," and not to the Editor.  
Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor," and  
not to individual members of the staff.  
Communications intended for publication must be accompanied  
by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for  
publication, but as evidence of good faith.  
While the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be  
open for the free discussion by correspondents of all questions  
affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that  
the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for  
opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.  
Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for  
insertion in this day's issue not later than Three o'clock, as at  
that time the early publication of the paper.  
Advertisements and notices which are not ordered for a  
fixed period will be continued until discontinued.  
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English newspaper published in the Far East, and is consequently  
the best medium for Advertisements. Terms are believed to be  
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which is read by the Chinese, the English, and the European  
communities.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1896.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph.)  
MR. JOHN ANDREW AT CANTON.  
Canton, March 31st.  
12.30 p.m.  
Mr. John Andrew has just arrived here from  
Wuchow with a cargo of native produce.  
He will return to Hongkong by the "day  
boat" leaving to-morrow morning.

**REUTER'S MESSAGES.**  
THE UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE.  
LONDON, March 30th.  
The Oxford has won the University race.

THE SITUATION IN MATABELELAND.  
The situation in Matabeleland is most grave.  
All the Whites in the Filabusi district have been  
murdered and mutilated.

(From Japanese Papers.)  
THREATENED ATTACK ON  
CHEMULPO.  
CHEMULPO, March 29th.  
A body of insurgents have threatened to  
attack the Japanese Settlement here, and extra  
precautions have been taken by the Japanese  
soldiers stationed here. There is no sign of  
any movement on the town at present.

ANOTHER RISING!  
CHEMULPO, March 29th.  
A telegram has reached here stating that  
mobs have risen at Wiju, in Pingyang province,  
and are proceeding in a southerly direction.

STILL GOING FOR THE JAPANESE.  
FUSAN, March 29th.  
A telegram from Koko states that early this  
morning, while an incendiary fire was being  
grappled with, a body of two thousand rebels  
surrounded the Japanese. There were only 86  
Japanese soldiers, but they succeeded in dispersing  
the rebels after hard fighting, losing for  
about twelve hours. The rebels left twelve  
dead behind them and a number of guns. There  
were only a few casualties on the Japanese side.

THE MURDER OF FISHERMEN.  
FUSAN, March 29th.  
The Chokai-kan arrived here this morning.  
She was proceeded to the place where the Nagasaki  
fishermen were murdered, and make an investigation.  
The Takao-kan is to go from Gensan  
(Yeosan) to assist.

ANOTHER CHANGE IN THE KOREAN  
CABINET.  
SEOUL, March 28th.  
A new Foreign Minister has been appointed,  
namely, Shin Ki-sen.

COUNT MUTSU AND TREATY  
REVISION.  
TOKYO, March 28th.  
Count Mutsu is said to have made up his  
mind to remain in office, if possible, until Treaty  
revision has been completed.

A CONFLICT WITH CHINESE SOLDIERS  
IN FORMOSA.  
TOKYO, March 22nd.  
A dispatch received by Count Katsuyama from  
the captain of the Chiyodo-kan states that a  
conflict has taken place between the native  
tribes and the Chinese soldiers who remain in  
parts of the interior, having taken refuge there  
after the Japanese landed.

The Chinese soldiers, it appears, made a levy  
on the tribes, to which the latter were not  
inclined to submit. An encounter ensued, and  
the tribes being defeated were obliged to pay  
the sum of money that was demanded.

Later reports state the district is now quiet,  
though 200 or 300 Chinese soldiers still remain  
there and will have to be dislodged.

(From L'Avant du Tonkin.)  
ITALY AND ABYSSINIA.  
PARIS, March 19th.  
Sig. Rudini, in a speech before the Italian  
Chamber, has declared that Italy would insist  
upon an honourable peace, that Italians desired  
neither the conquest of the Tigre nor a protection  
rate over Abyssinia, and concluded by asking  
for a credit of 140,000,000 francs for necessary  
expenses in connection with the Italian forces in  
Africa.

THE DONGOLA EXPEDITION.  
PARIS, March 10th.  
The question of the proposed English expedi-  
tion is being keenly discussed and commented  
upon in Europe. The Minister of Foreign Affairs  
is in close consultation with Baron Mohrenheim,  
the German Ambassador at Paris, and general  
irritation is felt in England at the attitude of  
France.

(From L'Avant du Tonkin.)  
EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS.  
LONDON, March 19th.  
M. Bartholot stated in the French Chamber  
that there were serious financial and political  
objections to utilizing the funds of the Calise de  
la Dette—the money administered by the  
International Commission for liquidating the  
Egyptian debt. He considered, therefore, that  
the unanimous consent of the Powers represented  
on that Commission—Great Britain, Germany,  
Austria, France, Italy, Russia, and Turkey—  
was necessary. The Dongola expedition might  
ultimately absorb the whole of the reserve funds  
of the Calise de la Dette, while it also threatened  
the possessions of France and other countries in  
Africa.

THE TRUTH AT LAST!  
M. Bartholot concluded by saying that the  
Dongola expedition tended to indefinitely prolong  
the British occupation of Egypt, with respect to  
which parleying with Great Britain was now  
proceeding.

MR. MORLEY CHALLENGES THE POLICY  
OF THE GOVERNMENT.  
LONDON, March 20th.  
Mr. Morley moved in the House of Commons,  
sitting in Committee on Supply, a resolution  
in the vote for the Foreign Office, in order to  
directly challenge the policy of the British  
Government in the matter of the Dongola  
expedition. The motion was rejected.

FRANCE AND RUSSIA OBJECT.  
LONDON, March 20th.  
All the Powers, with the exception of France  
and Russia, have assented to the employment  
of the reserve in the Egyptian Calise de la  
Dette for the purposes of the expedition to the  
Soudan. France still contends that the money  
must be used for all the Powers is necessary, but  
Great Britain takes the opposite view.

THE WAR IN ABYSSINIA.  
LONDON, March 20th.  
The Italian Government has expressed great  
satisfaction at the intention to hold Karsala, and it  
becomes impossible to do so by force.

(From Diario de Manila.)

## THE WAR IN CUBA.

MADRID, March 21st.  
General Weyler has published in the *Gaceta*  
de la Habana a proclamation in which he states  
that he has come to Cuba to stop the war; that  
he knows the loyalty that animates all true  
Spaniards both at home and abroad; that he  
knows they will make any and every sacrifice  
for "La Patria"; that he will recognize such  
patriotism as it deserves and on the other hand  
will severely punish all who rebel against the  
government. He concludes by exhorting the  
people to be more reasonable and take heed  
while yet there is time, for there is no desire on  
the part of the home government to carry on the  
war to the bitter end.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**  
SAVING CASES OF PLAGUE TO-DAY.  
THE French flagship *Bayard* left for Amoy  
yesterday afternoon.

THE Germans of Tientsin have started a new  
club titled the "Club Concordia" which will be  
located almost opposite the Tientsin Club.

THE man arrested in connection with the armed  
robbery of a marriage-boat at Van-mai a week  
ago was convicted at the Magistracy yesterday  
and "sent up" for six months.

THE N. C. Daily News bears that Mr. Hippel-  
ley is to be the Commissioner of Customs at Hang-  
chow, and that Mr. Montgomery will occupy a  
corresponding position at Soochow.

FOR firing a revolver at a dog which was  
hunting his fowls on the 17th instant, a  
resident on the Shun-ki-wai Road was today  
fined \$10. "Reckless use of fire-arms" was  
the charge.

We have received a copy of the "conditions  
subject to which persons suffering from Bubonic  
Plague are permitted to leave the Colony," and  
purpose publishing them to-morrow as they are  
"crowded out" to-night.

In consequence of the 3rd April being Good  
Friday, Mr. W. E. Crow's lecture before the  
Hongkong Old Volume on "Criminal Policing  
in Hongkong," fixed for that date, will be  
delivered on Friday the 10th April, at 5.15 p.m.

INTENDING competitors are reminded that  
entries for the Rifle Association's Spring  
Competition close with the Hon. Secretary at  
noon of the 2nd proximo. A capital programme,  
which we shall publish to-morrow, was issued  
this afternoon.

THE Post Office will be closed on Friday, the  
3rd April (Good Friday) and Monday the 6th  
April (Easter Monday) except from 8 to 9 a.m.  
Correspondence for the Peak and Kowloon may  
be posted up to 9 a.m. The Night Box will be  
kept open. The Money Order Office will be  
entirely closed both days.

At a special session of the Justices of the Peace  
yesterday it was unanimously decided to refuse  
the application of Mr. R. C. Hurley to transfer  
the spirit license of Thomas' Grill Rooms to Ng  
Pak-to, as such licenses have never been granted  
to Chinese and especially is it thought undesirable  
in respect of places frequented by Europeans.

MR. ANAKAWA, the newly appointed Japanese  
Consul for Hangchow and Soochow, was to  
leave Shanghai on the 27th for Soochow accom-  
panied by Mr. Okohira, Chancellor of the So-  
chow Consulate. Mr. Ochiya, Vice-Consul, and  
Mr. Hayami, Chancellor of the Hangchow con-  
sulate, were to leave Shanghai for their new  
posts on the 28th instant.

THE *China Gazette* won its maiden libel suit  
in a common cause. The action was com-  
menced in October last, the plaintiff, one  
Ignatius Pollak, claiming Tia 5,000 as damages  
done to his reputation by statements contained  
in an article published in the *Gazette* on 3rd  
October, 1895. On the 26th instant the plain-  
tiff's counsel applied to withdraw the action and  
the Chief Justice dismissed the suit, making an  
order for costs in favour of the our Shanghai  
contemporary.

THE Tientsin correspondent of our Shanghai  
morning contemporary reports that recent  
changes in the Customs Service have attracted a  
good deal of attention. According to the cor-  
respondent in question Mr. Dering will take two  
years' leave beginning next month and will be  
attached to Li Chung-tang's embassy while it  
is in Germany. Mr. P. Montgomery goes to  
Soochow as Deputy Commissioner to inaugurate  
the new Customs in that port; and Mr. von  
Tanner has gone to Peking to replace Mr.  
von Grew.

A few days ago 5,000 disbanded Hunan  
"braves" while encamped at Tongku, awaiting  
transport to take them to their own sweet  
homes in Central China, quarrelled about their  
pay and ultimately fought desperately, a score  
or two of them being killed outright and two or  
three hundred being severely wounded.

General with picked soldiers, troops soon  
appeared on the scene, shot down a dozen or  
so of the rioters and promptly shipped off the  
remains of the gallant warriors to their native  
province.

We have it from the best authority that there is  
no truth whatever in the report that His  
Excellency Li Hung-chang declined, on the  
grounds that the plague is prevalent here, to  
accept the proffered hospitality of the Governor  
during the brief stay of the *Ernst Simons* in  
this port. It seems that the distinguished  
Special Envoy of H. I. M. the Emperor of  
China did not decline, either by telegram or  
in any other way before leaving Shanghai,  
to lunch with Sir William Robinson and  
be entertained at a banquet in the evening,  
and it can only be assumed, therefore,  
that Hongkong has been denied the pleasure  
of doing "honour to whom honour is due"  
through some of those unfortunate bunglers for  
which the local Government has of late years  
earned such unenviable notoriety. There is,  
we believe, no reason to doubt that his  
Excellency Li Hung-chang would not have been  
receptive to afford the local Government an  
opportunity to show him a little attention, and  
the invitation reached him in the usual diplomatic  
manner through the proper channels and at the  
proper time. It was painfully evident, that  
when the guard of honour drawn up on  
Murray Pier was dismissed and the Governor's  
*Alibi-Clap* returned from the *Ernst Simons*,  
that there was a blip somewhere. It is to  
be hoped that the Governments of the Straits  
Settlements and Ceylon will be more happy in  
their arrangements for entertaining a really  
welcome to "the Blame of China" than has  
been the case in respect of the powers that be  
in this late "Isle of Fragrant Streams."

THE Tientsin Race Club is negotiating for the  
purchase of the Tientsin race-course and hopes  
to secure it for Tia 10,000.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial  
and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge  
with thanks the undermentioned donation to the  
funds of the Hospitals:—  
Cotton Yarn Guild ..... \$32

INFORMATION has been received in Tokio that  
an eruption has occurred at Kishishima-yama, in  
Miyazaki prefecture. Great damage was done to  
the country around, and paymaster L. Llover,  
of the French man-of-war *Forfait*, who was  
exploring with a guide, received severe injuries,  
while his guide was killed. The unfortunate  
officer is being carefully attended to by the  
authorities at Kishishima.

In the House of Commons on the 25th ultimo  
Colonel Durney asked the Under-Secretary of  
State for Foreign Affairs whether any further  
progress had been made in the negotiations for  
obtaining compensation for the relatives of the  
British subjects who lost their lives in the  
*Kowshing*, which vessel was sunk by a Japanese  
cruiser during the war between China and Japan.  
Mr. Curzon said—Delay has been caused by  
the illness of the Chinese Minister, with whom  
the negotiations are to be conducted. The  
Minister being happily convalescent they will  
now be proceeded with.

Our good result, it is fervently hoped, will  
follow from the capitulating of the *Edgar's* boat  
off Chemulpo, which is that there will be more  
boat drill in the Navy than has of late  
years been the case. The despatch of this  
(says a Service paper) is indicative of the  
finding of the Court of Inquiry, that not only  
was the boat overcrowded, but badly handled.

The inference conveyed by Mr. T. Gibson  
Bowles's question in the House that a gunnery  
lieutenant is less able to manage a boat than if  
he had not taken up that branch has caused  
amusement in naval circles, more particularly as  
the officer in question happens to be the pos-  
sessor of an all-round certificate from the Royal  
Naval College.

An Imperial decree has, according to the  
*Shanghai Mercury*, been issued directing that  
adequate posthumous honours be bestowed upon  
the late Liu Ming-chuan, for many years Gov-  
ernor of Formosa. He is to be made a Grand  
Guardian of the Heir-Apparent and is to have a  
posthumous name; his achievements during his  
campaign against the French are to be kept on  
record in the Academy of National History; his  
temples are to be made a Ko-juen, with permis-  
sion to compete for higher honours at the  
cosmopolitan examination at Peking, his second  
son is to be made a Secretary to one of the  
Boards, an official of the fifth rank, and on his  
grandson is to be conferred official rank of the  
same order.

PRINCE LUBANOFF, the Russian Minister for  
Foreign Affairs, is said by the *Night Night* to  
have assured Baron Nishi, the Japanese Minister  
to St. Petersburg, that there is no truth in the  
assertion that the alleged secret treaty published  
in the *North China Daily News* has been  
entered into between Russia and China. In  
this connection the *Japan Herald* states that  
the *Hochi* is responsible for the assertion that  
a report from Peking admits the correctness of a  
portion of the document, but denies the rest. It  
averts that the secret treaty entered into between  
the two Powers contained only three provisions,  
namely:

1.—That China should gradually arrange to  
permit Russia to anchor her fleet at Port  
Arthur.

2.—That China should allow Russia to run the  
Trans-Siberian Railway through Manchuria.

3.—That China should extend every convenience  
possible on the occasion of the laying of the  
railway by Russia through Chinese territory.

A MEETING of the Legislative Council will be held  
on Thursday, the 2nd proximo, at 3 p.m.

**BUSINESS:—**  
1. Financial Minute (No. 1.)  
2. Sanitary Bye-law.  
3. Motion.  
4. Questions.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:—**  
1. First reading of a Bill entitled *An Ordinance*  
for the better regulation of *Las Shew*.  
2. First reading of a Bill entitled *An Ordinance*  
to amend and consolidate the law relating to  
the carriage and possession of arms and  
ammunition.

3. First reading of a Bill entitled *An Ordinance*  
to provide for the issue of search warrants in  
the case of suspected *Colago Offences*.  
4. First reading of a Bill entitled *An Ordinance*  
to amend "The Buildings Ordinance 1889."  
5. First reading of a Bill entitled *An Ordinance*  
to supplement the provisions of "The Licen-  
sing Consolidation Ordinance, 1887."

6. Second reading of the Bill entitled *An*  
*Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law*  
*relating to the registration of Births, and*  
*Deaths.*

7. Third reading of the Bill entitled *An*  
*Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Law*  
*relating to Factories.*

8. Third reading of the Bill entitled *An*  
*Ordinance for codifying the Law relating to*  
*the Sale of Goods.*

9. Committee on the Bill entitled *An*  
*Ordinance to amend the Law as to certain*  
*Moneys paid into the Supreme Courts or to the*  
*Registrar thereof.*

*N.B.—There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee*  
*immediately after the Council.*

**MEMORANDA.**  
TUESDAY—31st March.  
Interest due and drawn Bonds of Chinese  
Imperial Government Seven per cent. Loan  
of 1885, "Z.M." payable at Hongkong and  
Shanghai Bank on and after this date.  
List of contributions to the H. K. and Whampoa  
Dock Co., Ltd., to be sent in on or before this  
date.

List of contributions to the Canton Insurance  
Office, Ltd., to be sent in on or before this  
date.

9.10 p.m.—Willard Opera Co.'s performance at  
Theatre Royal.

WEDNESDAY—1st April.  
9 a.m.—French Mail closes.  
10 a.m.—*Ernst Simons* leaves for Europe.  
4 p.m.—City of Peking leaves for San Francisco.  
5 p.m.—Usual ports of call.  
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zealand Lodge.  
9.10 p.m.—Willard Opera Co.'s performance at  
the Theatre Royal.

THURSDAY—2nd April.  
9 a.m.—Entries for the Riffs Association's Spring  
Competition close.  
3 p.m.—Meeting of the Legislative Council.  
5.30 p.m.—Emergency Meeting of Zealand Lodge.  
9.10 p.m.—Willard Opera Co.'s performance at  
the City Hall.

FRIDAY—3rd April.  
Good Friday.  
Government Offices, Local Banks and Insurance  
offices close.

SATURDAY—4th April.  
Entries for the Shanghai Spring Races close.  
9 p.m.—Convocation of Victoria Chapter.  
9.10 p.m.—Willard Opera Co.'s performance at  
the City Hall.

## THE CRISIS IN BATTAMBONG.

(From our Correspondent.)

Battambang, March 13th.  
I wired you on the 10th inst. of the brutal  
murder of Phra Phin, and the facts in con-  
nection with this case are a terrible indictment of the  
Siamese government in this province. I have  
frequently written you that outrage and violence  
might be expected in Battambang owing to the  
indifference of the Siamese government, and  
things have now come to a head. I will, how-  
ever, give you the particulars of the shooting of  
Phra Phin.

The murdered Phra was the son of the former  
Yenkrabat here, a man universally popular, and  
a warm friend of the Siamese Commissioner,  
Phra Sakhad. He was also on very  
intimate terms with M. Roland, the French  
Agent here, and generally popular among the  
people and respected by the Europeans. He  
had rendered the Siamese Commissioner a  
number of very special services, and was there-  
fore not a *persona grata* with the Governor.  
For several weeks a number of blackguards,  
hangers-on of a certain set of officials here, have  
been doing in the neighbourhood of Phra Phin's  
house, but as the murdered man took every  
precaution and went about armed he was  
unmolested. It is only a fortnight ago that he  
was warned, when leaving the house of the  
Siamese Commissioner, to be careful and to  
stay rather than go home at night. He, how-  
ever, went, and was fired at



## GREAT FIRE IN BANGKOK.

## THE BORNCO CO'S RICE MILL CUTTER.

Early this morning a fire broke out on the premises of the Bornco Company's Rice Mill, at Bangkok, and before aid could arrive to cope with the flames the Rice Mill and extensive rice godowns adjoining were well alight and defied all efforts to get the fire under. The Rice Mill and godowns were eventually burned to the ground.

At 2.30 the Police arrived on the scene of the conflagration, and Prince Narai drove down soon afterwards. A detachment from the Navy, under command of Commodore de Richelieu, came up soon after, and the force made a gallant attempt to fight the fire. It had, however, got too firm a hold on the building, and all efforts were useless. Some portion of the paddy godowns were saved, and it is generally considered very fortunate that the fire was kept off the saw mill. Mr. Black, the Engineer of the mill, and the entire staff of the Bornco Company were indefatigable in their efforts to save the property. The loss is roughly estimated at \$100,000, which is covered by insurance in the offices for which the Bornco Company are agents.

The origin of the fire is said to be due to the upsetting of a kerosene oil lamp.

The mill was a comparatively new one, having been erected only about nine years ago. Additions had been made to it from time to time, and this rice mill was probably one of the finest in Bangkok.

It may, however, be mentioned that owing to the indifferent rice season the loss of the mill will not probably greatly inconvenience the Bornco Company.—*Star Free Press.*

## THE TRADE OF CHINA IN 1895.

The following interesting report on the trade of China in 1895 was received to-day from the office of the Imperial Maritime Customs at this port:—

Generally, neither the war with Japan, which was declared last August, 1894, and terminated on the signing of the treaty of Shimonoseki on the 17th April last, nor the riots and disturbances in certain provinces seriously affected or interfered with trade, which was remarkably active and prosperous throughout the year. The right to import machinery, conceded by the new treaty, gave an extraordinary impetus to industries, especially cotton spinning and weaving, in which enterprise Chinese and foreigners have now invested much capital. Cheap labour and raw material are abundant; and with the continuance of the advantage which the East enjoys by the fall in the gold price of silver there is every prospect of China becoming a most important manufacturing country, which will lead to a formidable competition in textiles between the East and West. Of money there was a plethora; interest on advances was reduced to 6 per cent. and on deposits to 4 per cent. per annum. Stealing exchange fluctuated over 11 per cent. and ranged from 25.84 to 31.04. per Shanghai for demand drafts. The occupation of the port of Newchwang by the Japanese in March led to a brief suspension of trade with that mart; it was, however, resumed in summer, but the demand for imports was reduced, while for the staple export of Manchuria, beans and bean cake, intended for shipment abroad, there was a deficiency that the tonnage employed in the transport of this freight fell off by 37 per cent. as compared with the figures of 1894. However, notwithstanding the disquieting effect of war, the loss of revenue sustained, and the dislocation of the Liaoning traffic, the returns, both fiscal and statistical, of the foreign trade of China exhibit very satisfactory results.

Compared with the collection of 1894, the gross receipts for the year, Hk. Tls. 2,135,000, show a decrease of Hk. Tls. 1,135,000. This deficit is fully accounted for by the fact that the Newchwang Custom House, whose annual revenue averages half a million taels, yielded nothing during the Japanese occupation of that port, and on the cessation of Formosa to Japan in June the two Customs offices in that island ceased to function. The slight decrease under the heading of import duties and more marked decline against coast trade duties (excluding sailing vessels, steamships, and the stoppage of revenue at the occupied and ceded ports). Assessing the loss in export duties at Hk. Tls. 680,000, owing to the absence of receipts at Newchwang throughout the year and from Formosa subsequent to its cession, the sum derived from exports, Hk. Tls. 8,775,000 (excluding native opium), must be regarded as singularly encouraging, as it exceeds the collection of any former year and indicates a marvellous expansion in the foreign and domestic trade of the empire. The items contributing to the increase in the foreign division are tea, silk, matting, firecrackers, skin rugs, and clothing, and tin and grain to the domestic trade. The duty paid by opium, Hk. Tls. 2,250,000, is about the same as during the previous year; but if Hk. Tls. 711,900 (as against Hk. Tls. 365,000 in 1894), derived from native opium, are subtracted from this total, it will be seen that there is a decrease of Hk. Tls. 354,000 in the amount yielded by Indian opium, while under the heading of opium the deficit amounts to Hk. Tls. 916,700 as compared with the figures of 1894. The cessation of shipments to Newchwang—never very large—coupled with the fact that since June no cognance was taken of the consumption in Formosa, which would have absorbed over 2,000 piculs, accounts to a certain extent for this diminution in the returns; but there can be no doubt that native opium has depressed the foreign article, as shown by the decreased importations at all the ports. Transit dues paid on opium have been reduced to the interior exhibit a gain of Hk. Tls. 970,000 as compared with the receipts in 1894. This excess foreign imports contributed Hk. Tls. 61,400 and Chinese produce intended for shipment abroad Hk. Tls. 35,600. The figures for tonnage dues are about the same as in 1894.

Taking into consideration the gloomy outlook and adverse influences prevailing during the early part of the year the statistics of the foreign trade of China show admirable results. More merchandise entered and left the ports than in the preceding year, showing an aggregate increase in the value of imports and exports of 24 millions, and although, as explained below, a large share of this gain is merely statistical, there has been a genuine improvement and expansion in trade with both Western and Asiatic countries. Steadier exchange favoured business with gold-standard countries, while a large demand for coal, glass, matches, wax, and refined sugar, added to the scarcity of rice in Kwangtung and Fokien, made good by imported grain, swelled the value of trade with countries adjacent to China. Since the East has now entered into competition with the West in supplying China with textiles, additional entries have been made in the list of imports under the heading of cotton goods; to enable future comparison of the share taken by Oriental made cottons in the piece goods trade with

acquisitions of Chinese territory by Japan, quite seven million taels, representing the value of coastwise traffic formerly credited to domestic trade, have been transferred to the foreign division. The marked falling off which characterized the opium trade of 1894 has not been arrested, but on the contrary shows a still more conspicuous decline, and apparently from the same cause given in last report in explanation of this retrograde movement, namely, restricted production in India greatly enhancing prices, and thus curtailing demand at all the ports, combined with the improved quality and cheapness of the native drug. Of Malwa, Patna, Benares, and Persian opium only 51,306 piculs were landed, being 11,519 piculs less than in the previous year. By a singular coincidence, this deficit corresponds closely with the total shipment—11,779 piculs—of native opium from Chungking, in the province of Szechuen, for distribution amongst the ports, though this quantity is only a moiety of what leaves that westernmost port by other routes and conveyance. From Mengtsi, in Yunnan, 603 piculs were exported to Tonkin, and small shipments of Szechuen drug have been made to the Straits. A decade ago the amount of Indian opium landed at Hongkong for consumption in China reached 26,164 piculs, and in 1895, 67,800 piculs passed through the Customs House, whereas 11,306 piculs satisfied the requirements of consumers during the year under notice. There is a large increase in the importation of morphine, which indicates a greater use of so-called anti-opium pills and that indulgence in morphomania is spreading. To Western manufacturers of textiles the year's statistics will prove encouraging, for despite the appreciation in the silver cost of goods, the demand for staple cottons has increased, particularly in the case of grey shirtings (which advanced by 548,000 piculs), T-cloths, and English sheeting. But to determine whether the trade has really developed concurrently with enhanced prices, the enormous consumption of yarn, and the opening of new markets, it is necessary to compare the total of principal cloths during the first and second half of the decade, and the result shows that in the aggregate there has been a significant decline in the importation of the cottons specified hereunder:—

	1886-90.	1891-95.
Shirtings, Grey .....	29,835,000	26,973,000
White .....	11,910,000	11,243,000
T-cloths .....	10,857,000	8,795,000
Drills, English .....	1,749,000	1,117,000
American .....	2,602,000	3,156,000
Sheetings, English .....	3,093,000	3,440,000
American .....	6,359,000	6,476,000
Total .....	60,613,000	62,884,000

The increased cost of cotton goods is every prospect of China becoming a most important manufacturing country, which will lead to a formidable competition in textiles between the East and West. Of money there was a plethora; interest on advances was reduced to 6 per cent. and on deposits to 4 per cent. per annum. Stealing exchange fluctuated over 11 per cent. and ranged from 25.84 to 31.04. per Shanghai for demand drafts. The occupation of the port of Newchwang by the Japanese in March led to a brief suspension of trade with that mart; it was, however, resumed in summer, but the demand for imports was reduced, while for the staple export of Manchuria, beans and bean cake, intended for shipment abroad, there was a deficiency that the tonnage employed in the transport of this freight fell off by 37 per cent. as compared with the figures of 1894. However, notwithstanding the disquieting effect of war, the loss of revenue sustained, and the dislocation of the Liaoning traffic, the returns, both fiscal and statistical, of the foreign trade of China exhibit very satisfactory results.

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South China. As compared with the figures of 1895, double the quantity of machinery arrived in China. For European and Japanese matches there is a constantly growing demand; 8,116,000 gross of which 7,365,000 gross were Japanese constituted the supply, and a decrease of 200,000 gross. The importation was under two millions gross. Strange to say, flint stones have not disappeared from the list. In kerosene oil there is a diminution of over 18 million gallons, the decrease being in American oil, owing to excessive stocks at the end of 1894 and a temporary insufficient supply in America, which brought about a suspension of shipments to the East and caused a considerable advance in price. The demand for Russian oil accordingly increased, showing a gain of nine million gallons, while that from Sumatra has quadrupled during the year. The explanation may be found in regard to the statistical increase in the aggregate value of imports applies to the gain noticeable in the case of unenumerated sundries.

(b) Exports.—It should be borne in mind that of the 15 million taels increase in the value of the year's export trade fully six million taels are due to the altered fiscal and statistical treatment of the coast traffic, necessitated by the events of the war, as explained in the introductory remarks in connection with the import trade. There is, however, an actual gain of nine million taels, owing to the better demand, induced by low exchange, for nearly all kinds of Chinese produce, but particularly silk and its products, tea, cotton, firecrackers, skins, matting, etc., and other commodities taken by gold-standard countries. Sericulture is now the leading industry in China since tea has gradually receded to a subordinate position. The total shipments of white, yellow, and wild silk, and particularly the latter, have increased commercially as "China Filatures" reached the high figure of 110,630 piculs, or a gain of 11,204 piculs as compared with the export of 1894. This excess is the result of improved demand for yellow silk and "filatures," which variety is now classed separately in the returns, in order to have data whereby to observe the development of this rapidly expanding industry established at Canton and Shanghai, from which ports the entire quantity of "filatures" was shipped, Canton sending 20,719 piculs, and Shanghai 8,976 piculs, the latter quantity being the output of the numerous steam filatures. Orders for cocoons, mainly from France, Italy, the United States, and Japan, exceeded all previous demands; and of silk piece goods, other than pongees, the markets abroad took no less than 25,500 piculs, or 4,400 piculs, estimated at Hk. Tls. 2,550,000, more than in 1894. The fact that in 1895 the export of silk and satin goods, including pongees, only attained 10,280 piculs, against the present 23,120 piculs, affords a better idea of the increase in the consumption of these rich and elegant fabrics since they have been cheapened by low exchange. In connection with the silk industry it is worthy of note that the steps initiated by the Inspector-General to implant in China the Pasteur system of detecting and eradicating disease in silkworms have succeeded in the Kwangtung province, to which subject allusion is made in the Canton report. In the export of tea of all kinds the gain is insignificant, being only 3,300 piculs. From Russia there was a strong demand, and the purchase of black tea, exceptionally high prices, both for the Odessa market and for transshipment to the United States, were the largest on record, the total aggregating 384,300 piculs, as against 327,900 piculs in 1894; yet the considerable increase from this source was insufficient to make good the falling off of over 150,000 piculs in the export of black tea to Great Britain and the United States, which have become larger consumers of China tea than the United Kingdom. Compared with the total in 1894, the export of black tea shows a diminution of 92,000 piculs; green tea, an advance of 10,700 piculs, due to large shipments to England and America; black tea and its congener, tablet tea, an increase of 85,800 piculs and 2,800 piculs respectively, the demand for these varieties continuing to expand and the shipments being unprecedentedly large. A similarly conspicuous expansion has taken place during the last five years in the export of black tea for Russia—Odessa and Siberia—the figures for the year reaching 374,300 piculs, against 287,900 piculs in 1894. During the same period the export of black tea to the United Kingdom fell from 409,300 piculs in 1891 to 250,400 piculs, being a decrease of 158,900 piculs. In 1895 the direct shipments to Great Britain aggregated one million piculs. Although the price of raw cotton rose, the export was nearly 150,000 piculs greater than that in 1894 and totalled 806,000 piculs. Japan took 744,000 piculs, against half a million in the previous year, whereas shipments to Europe declined from 104,000 piculs in 1894 to 26,000 piculs in 1895, a less favourable exchange affecting the laying-down cost in the West. Perhaps no trade has shown such unparalleled rapid developments, as that in skins for clothing and rugs, consisting principally of the tanned and untanned pelts of dogs, goats, sheep, and lambs, the value of the shipments during the year increasing over 100 per cent. This extraordinary advance, fostered by the depreciated price of the raw material, has been chiefly exhibited by the export of dog skins, which in the past five years—1891, Hk. Tls. 881,000; 1892, Hk. Tls. 1,115,000; 1893, Hk. Tls. 1,200,000; 1894, Hk. Tls. 1,681,000; 1895, Hk. Tls. 2,619,000. A no less remarkable expansion is observable in the demand for napkins, which are required by Chinese labourers abroad, who now find it as cheap to buy this more durable homestead cloth as the flimsy European fabrics so enhanced in price by the appreciation of gold. This appreciation accounts for the large shipments, which attained 2,600 piculs, valued at Hk. Tls. 1,343,000 as compared with less than half that quantity in previous years. It is alleged, and with much reason, that the high price of imported cottons has stimulated the manual weaving industry throughout China, where looms have increased in number and with them the consumption of Indian yarn. Akin to the textile industry is the weaving of matting, of which material the unenumerated gain of 183,400 piculs was exported from South China, chiefly to the United States. Certain staples, such as straw braid, sugar, hair, and hides, exhibit a slight falling off as compared with the figures of the previous year; but this loss is fully balanced by the shipment of several new products which so-called cheap silver makes it profitable to send to the West. Amongst these additional exports are bristles, steamboat wood, tallow (both animal and vegetable) and wax, in which commodities considerable capital is invested. The firm from Yunnan mines to the value of Hk. Tls. 812,800, representing 40,800 piculs, was exported to Hongkong through the Mengtsi Customs.

(c) Re-exports.—The large increase in the value of re-exports to foreign countries is mainly due to the altered returns treatment of the trade with Formosa, which is regarded as foreign traffic since the cession of that island to Japan; hence the conspicuous increase credited to that country. Formosa tea re-exported from Amoy to the United States accounts for the enormous advance in re-shipments to America.

In connection with the foreign trade, the total arrivals at ports of entry were 4,401 vessels, aggregating 4,921,334 tons, against 4,016 vessels

of 3,804,688 tons, in 1894; with the coast or home trade, 14,018 vessels, of 10,560,806 tons, as compared with 14,770 entries, totalling 10,995,406 tons, during the preceding year; and the total tonnage entered and cleared—summed up 29,737,078 tons, or 115,000 more than in 1894. Of the coast trade tonnage inward, 8,127,097 tons were under foreign flag, the balance being Chinese. Freight was abundant and profitable, the cargoes of rice from the Yangtze on Government and commercial account demanding sea transport for over 14,000,000 piculs, or, say, 875,000 tons dead weight. Nearly all the coasting lines increased their fleet by several steamers.

**TREASURY.**  
The recorded movements of gold and silver bullion between China and foreign countries was a net export of gold of Hk. Tls. 6,624,000 (£1,083,000), or about half the value of shipments in 1894, and a net import of silver of Hk. Tls. 10,685,000, which is more by, say, Hk. Tls. 10,400,000 than in the year before.

**Balance.**—The estimated value of the foreign imports and the export trade, exclusive of bullion, is calculated in the same way as in the report for 1895:—

Net imports, market value .....	Hk. Tls. 171,596,715
Deduct import duty .....	4,400,300
Deduct opium duty .....	5,643,200
Imports, less duty, etc. ....	161,553,215
Deduct 7 per cent. for charges, etc. ....	11,308,725
Imports, value at moment of landing 150,244,490	
Exports to foreign countries, market value .....	143,303,311
Add duty, estimated at .....	5,940,885
Add 8 per cent. on market value for charges, etc. ....	11,453,457
Exports, value at moment of shipment .....	160,696,753

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Statistical Secretary.  
Shanghai, 27th March, 1896.

## COMMERCIAL NEWS.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Mr. G. H. Potts reports as follows in his Share List issued at 5 p.m. to-day:—

The last week has been a very lively one with a steady demand all round. The certainty that the new loan to be put on the market in London on the 31st instant at 98½ will go off like wild fire and be applied for many times over, and the vague talk of a new railway loan to be floated by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has put that stock in good stead again; the improvement being reflected in National which have advanced in sympathy. Fire Insurance stock has jumped again with the decision of the Local Companies to further increase their tariff rates in conjunction with the Home Offices. Overseas Freehold Mines, Limited, has been added to my list of stocks under the heading of "Mining." The Rand Australian Gold Mining Company, has declared a dividend of 6d. per share payable on the 18th May next. The Bank of China has been doing in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shares at rates between 187 and 191 per cent. premium, the market closing quiet at 190 per cent. premium. On time a good many transactions have taken place—principally for the June settlement at 194, 195, and 196 per cent. per annum. The London quotation is 241 1/2. Nationals have continued in demand and sales at 331 and 332 have been effected, the market closing firm with buyers at 331. Founders are wanted at 1115 but none appear to be obtainable.

**MARINE INSURANCE.**—Unions are steady at 310. China Traders continue on offer at 77½. Yangtze have improved considerably and in the North sales are reported at 1247. Straits have been placed at 326 and are off ring at the rate.

**FIRE INSURANCE.**—Hongkong Fire have advanced to 340 with only a few sales to report at intermediate rates. China Fire have also been placed at 394, 395 and 396 and are still in demand. A large business has been done in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shares at rates here agreeing to a general increase in rates for Fire Insurance.

**SHIPPING.**—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamships have improved still further and sales have been made at 314 and 315, and now that the opening of the West River is almost an accomplished fact, a further advance is probable. Indo-China remains quiet at 357. China and Malacca have been sold at 365 1/2 the dividend of 3 1/2 per share paid on the 30th instant. Double Steamships are unchanged at 357.

**REVENUE.**—China Sugars have been taken slightly and sales at 314 and 315 have been effected. Luxons are quoted at 360 ex the dividend of 3 1/2 per share, but at the rate there are more buyers than sellers, and as the prospects of the Company, according to the Chairman's speech, appear so much brighter, a steady rise may be looked for.

**MWING.**—Parsons have continued on the boom and sales at rates between 38 and 39 have been made. The rise is owing to the receipt of a wire from the Mining Estates that the probable output for this month will be 600 ounces of gold. The Preference shares have been sold at 32.10. New Balmorals after being a drug in the market at 31.50 and 32 have been sold at 33 and 34.50, and sales at as high as 35 are reported. The rise is presumably owing to the receipt of a telegram from London stating that the prospects of selling the Company to a London syndicate are progressing favourably. Jubilee bonds have been sold at 104 1/2. The declaration of a dividend of 6d. per share has excited Rango to advances to 35 and 36; at both of which rates sales have been effected. Overseas Freehold Mines are also in demand at 1115, but holders refuse to part unless at a considerable advance.

**DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.**—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have again improved and sales have taken place at 170, 171, 172, 173, and 175 per cent. premium. The market closing with buyers at 175 per cent. premium. Kowloon Wharf shares have changed hands at 47 and 47 1/2 and are firm at the latter rate.

**LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.**—Hongkong Land Investment shares have been fixed at 373 and 374. Kowloon Lands have found buyers at 318. West Point have been taken off the market at 151. Hongkong Hotels have been fixed at 244. Humphreys Estate have been sold at 391 and are offering at the rate.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**—Green Islands are weak at 164 with no buyers to report. H. G. Brown are engaged for at 34, but holders are asking 34 1/2. A. S. Watsons have been placed at a considerable extent at 315. Hongkong Electric have been sold at 37.10. Ropes have changed hands at 3190. Fawcetts have ruled very firm and have recovered their dividend sales at 323, 324, 324 1/2 and 325 having been effected. Dairy Farms are engaged for at 33.

**SHANGHAI EXCHANGE MARKET.**—Messrs. Whieldson & Co. in their Freight Market Report dated Shanghai 27th March, write:—

"On-freight market has been in a very quiet and uninteresting condition, and considering that the weather is so open again for steamers sailing

it is surprising to note how little cargo is offering for shipment to London and New York, practically nothing in fact, and the only occurrence of importance to shippers during the past few days has been the appearance of opposition to the Conference for both directions. For New York an opposing steamer has called in and cleared, and considering the petty amount of cargo offering for shipment, it is not to be wondered at that she received no support. For London the new Nippon Yusen Kaisha line threatens serious opposition, but with transhipment in Hongkong and another month of the current Conference year still to run, it is improbable that she will seriously affect Conference steamers' interests just for the present, though it seems likely that a lower scale of rates will exist during the coming season. For London via Suez.—A regular line of service continues to be maintained by the Conference Lines, but there is very little freight offering and departing steamers have little to boast of in the quantity of cargo carried by them. For near loading we have—Nippon to sail 28th inst.; Formosa to sail 29th inst.; Dardanelus to sail 30th inst.; Turko to sail 15th prox., via Havre. For New York via Suez.—The Glenartney, on arrival from Japan on the 13th inst. commenced loading, and has occupied the berth since then, expecting to leave here next week. Cargo is materially scarce and prospects of any material improvement during the next few weeks seem somewhat remote. The next to follow her will be the Radnorshire, and Banderah in the order named. The Queen Olga called on the 12th, and cleared on the 14th, receiving little or no support from this. For New York via Cape.—The T. F. Oakes is practically ready to load, but prospects of her receiving much cargo from here are poor, and the rate asked, viz. 23/3, does not seem to be any inducement to shippers to send her cargo. There is no demand for further chartering, though a convenient vessel is now here open for employment. For New York via Pacific.—This is hardly any sign of life in this direction, the next sailings being—Empress of China 11th April; Tacoma 16th April; City of Peking 20th April from Yokohama per Koba Maru leaving here to-morrow. Departure.—For London via Suez.—Tantalus via Amoy 14th inst.; Bombay 17th inst. For New York via Suez.—Ghana via Amoy 11th inst.; Quana Olga via Amoy 14th inst. Home-ward sails.—London by Conference Lines, general cargo 402. W. silk 452. tea 552. Northern Cont. Ports by Conference Lines, general cargo 424. 6d. W. silk 452. tea 502. New York by Conference Lines, general cargo 402. tea 402. New York via London by Conference Lines, general cargo 421. 6d. Philadelphia by Conference Lines, general cargo 502. London by Shell Line, general cargo 402. less coast cargo; Hamburg by Shell Line, general cargo 352. New York by Shell Line, general cargo 502. less to per cent. Havre (direct) general cargo 372. 6d. net; Genoa 352. general cargo 402. net; Marseilles 352. general cargo 372. 6d. 452. per ton of 20 cwt. for these latter ports; New York by sail 322. New York by Pacific Lines, little doing; Coast Rates are—Mojito to Shanghai \$1.10 per ton coal; Nagasaki to Shanghai \$1.00 per ton coal. The Benjamin Swail, American ship, 1,562 tons register, and Whoolahra, British barque, 942 tons register, are disengaged.

**SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.**  
**MAILS DUE.**  
Tacoma (Tacoma) 2nd prox.  
English (Felix) 3rd prox.  
Australian (Munster) 5th prox.  
American (China) 7th prox.  
German (Sachsen) 8th prox.  
American (Bligh) 15th prox.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Palawan, from China, arrived at London on the 28th inst.

THE Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) inform us that the steamship Glenartney, from Amoy, London and the Straits, left Singapore for this port yesterday evening.

**SHIPPING RETURNS.**  
From 5 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.	FROM.
Arrid	Steamer, from Saigon.
Holstein	" " " " " " " "
Ernest Simon	" " " " " " " "
Halifax	" " " " " " " "
Kuluro	" " " " " " " "
Pha Wang	" " " " " " " "
Sharps	" " " " " " " "
Glinorichy	" " " " " " " "
Aggregating 12,118 tons register.	

**DEPARTURES.**

STEAMERS.	FOR.
Sabine Richmers	Steamer for Swatow.
Kuluro	" " " " " " " "
Mika Maru	" " " " " " " "
Telena	" " " " " " " "
Ash	" " " " " " " "
Thalys	" " " " " " " "
Chusan	" " " " " " " "
Polyang	" " " " " " " "
Pha Wang	" " " " " " " "
Ten Maru	" " " " " " " "
Twintie	" " " " " " " "
Amigo	" " " " " " " "
Bayard	" " " " " " " "
Aggregating 33,409 tons register.	

The British steamship Arrid left Saigon on the 26th instant, and had light north-east winds and foggy weather throughout.

The British steamship Pha Wang left Bangkok on the 22nd instant, and Koh-chang on the 24th, and had fine weather and moderate to rough sea throughout.

The British steamship Halifax left Swatow on the 30th instant, and had light winds and calm to port. Long intervals of dense fog. In Swatow the steamship Nanchang.

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.**

CLARK MARU	WHAMPOA DOCK.
Talis	" " " " " " " "
Rokko	" " " " " " " "
Centurion (H.M.S.)	" " " " " " " "
Shelley	" " " " " " " "
Changsha	" " " " " " " "
Hokkaido	" " " " " " " "
Sirathallan	" " " " " " " "

**THE "YATTA" ARRIVE.**

News was received here yesterday by Messrs. A. R. Marry & Co., the charterers, that the Danish steamer Yatfa, running between this port and Hothow and Pakhoi, had gone ashore three miles north of Cape Cam. So far as they can learn she was on the return voyage, flying light, when, owing to the dense fog always encountered in that neighbourhood during the early part of the year, and the strong and irregular tides prevailing, she came to grief. As further news to the effect that no assistance was required has been received to-day no more are entertained for her safety. The Yatfa has been engaged on this run for several years and her master, Captain Strand, who is a most capable and cautious navigator, is thoroughly acquainted with the coast and

will doubtless be able to get his vessel out of her present difficulties. This was to have been his last trip before going home, as his relief is waiting him here.

## LETTERS FOR MERCHANT SHIPS.

It is stated in the Government Gazette of the 28th instant that letters and papers are lying at the Post Office addressed to the following vessels:—

Address.	Letters.	Papers.
Anna Woermann	1	—
A. Apar	1	—
Asamora	1	F.
Astomer	1	F.
Alma	1	—
Aprichia	1	—
Armampora	1	—
Blakemore	1	—
Credmore	1	—
Colorado	1	—
Coloma	1	—
Emily F. Whitney	1	F.
Edenleigh	1	—
Glorgie Clitavechia	1	—
G. F. Mansson	1	—
Hong Kwong	1	—
Havland	1	—
Ivy	1	—
Ischduns	1	—
Kennebec	4	—
Kachidate Maru	1	—
Kiangpak	1	—
Madab	1	—
North Coast	1	—
Nanchang	1	1p
Penarth	1	—
S. Anna	1	F.
Savona	1	—
Skutsl	1	—
St. Paul	1	—
Shirley	2	—
Scottish Isles	1	—
Shantung	1	F.
Troop	1	—
Tan O'Shanter	1	—
Utrock	1	—
Utrecht	1	—
Velocity	1	—
W. H. Talbot	1	—



## Shipping.

## STAMPERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"  
Captain J. G. O'Brien, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on THURSDAY, the 2nd April, at  
4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SARSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 28th March, 1896. [580]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Steamship

"SUNGKIANG,"  
Captain C. B. N. Dodd, will be despatched on  
THURSDAY, the 2nd April, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 28th March, 1896. [575]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"NESTOR,"  
Captain Archibald, will be despatched as above  
on THURSDAY, the 2nd April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 30th March, 1896. [478]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CHEFOO AND TIENSIN.

THE Steamship

"KWEIYANG,"  
Captain Dawson, will be despatched on  
THURSDAY, the 2nd April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 26th March, 1896. [559]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE AND JAVA.

THE Steamship

"SI'ARTUNG,"  
Captain Fremont, will be despatched on  
SATURDAY, the 4th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1896. [571]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"CHINGTU,"  
Captain Innes, will be despatched on MON-  
DAY, the 6th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [552]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"BRAEMAR,"  
Captain Porter, will be despatched as above  
on MONDAY, the 6th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 30th March, 1896. [586]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

(Calling at Port Darwin and QUEENSLAND,  
ports and taking through cargo to  
ADELPHI, NEW ZEALAND,  
TASMANIA, &c.)

"OCAMPO,"  
Captain Hawkins, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on SATURDAY, the 15th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 28th March, 1896. [581]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"DARDANUS,"  
Captain Gregory, will be despatched as above  
on MONDAY, the 13th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 30th March, 1896. [553]

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

(Taking cargo at through rates to RED SEA  
PORTS, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK  
SEA PORTS.)

"DOROTHEA RICKMERS,"  
Captain Pape, will be despatched as above on  
FRIDAY, the 17th April.

For Freight, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [461]

JAVA, CHINA JAPAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

UNDER MANAGEMENT OF THE ROYAL PACKET NAVIGATION COMPANY OF NETHERLANDS INDIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

(Subject to Alteration.)  
JAVA, HONGKONG, YOKOHAMA, KOBE,  
AMOY, HONGKONG, SINGAPORE,  
JAVA.

FROM HONGKONG.

S.S. Cassius ..... To JAVA ..... [April].  
S.S. Federation ..... To JAVA ..... [May].  
S.S. Germania ..... To JAVA ..... [June].  
S.S. Federation ..... To JAPAN ..... [April].  
S.S. Germania ..... To JAPAN ..... [May].  
S.S. Cassius ..... To JAPAN ..... [June].

General Agents for China & Japan,  
LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.,  
Hongkong, 30th March, 1896. [591]

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SWISS (CONDENSED) MILK.

Which, through its RICHNESS in CREAM and UNIFORMITY of QUALITY, has  
obtained the Largest Sale in Great Britain. It can be used for all  
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82.25 Dozen.

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Hongkong, 22nd March, 1896.

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Accident on or before the 31st March 1896 while on land within the confines of HONGKONG  
or any Treaty Ports of CHINA or JAPAN, or the immediate neighborhood thereof, provided that  
the Name and Address of the valid holder appears in the List of European Subscribers to the  
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as furnished to the Company for the Three Months ending 31st March 1896; that the  
premium thereon has been duly paid; that death takes place within One Month from the  
occurrence of the Accident, and that notice of death, with full particulars, is sent within fourteen  
days of its happening to Mr. J. V. VERNON, Hongkong. It being declared that \$1,000 only  
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\* This premium is paid quarterly in advance by the Proprietors of The Hongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1896.

J. V. V. VERNON,  
AGENT.

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PHARMACEUTIC PRODUCTS OF THE FARMWERKE VORM MEISTER,  
LUCIUS & BRUNING HOCHST MAIN.DR. KNORR'S LION BRAND  
"ANTIPYRINE,"

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS TROY)

Is the most approved and most efficacious remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE,  
NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSI-  
PELAS, WHOOPING-COUGH, and many other complaints. It is also the very best  
ANTISEPTIC. Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty. Ask for DR. KNORR'S  
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Is the best Vulnerary; its effect is stimulating the closing up of Wounds as described as  
amazing.

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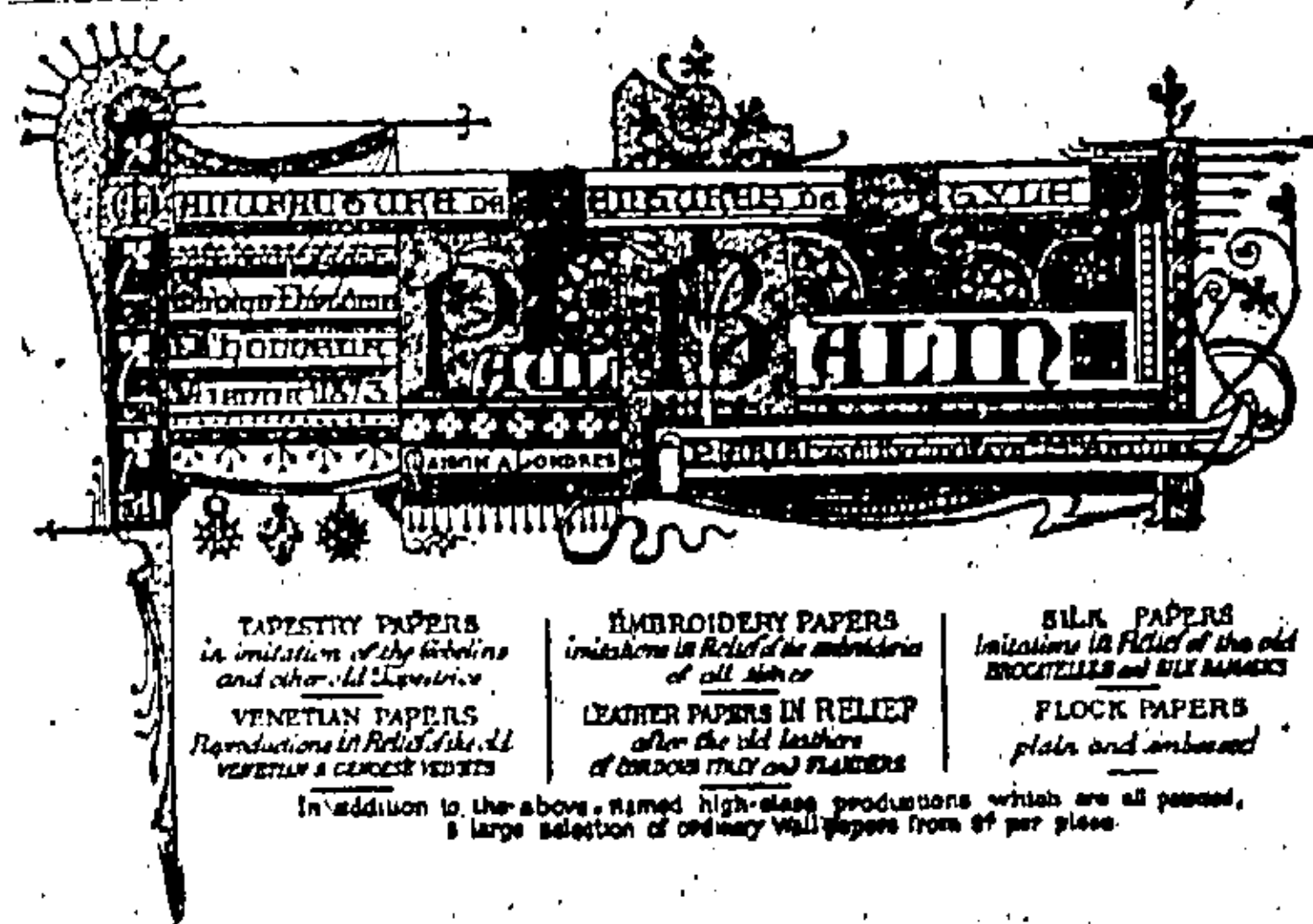
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Invaluable for MIGRAINE and of the greatest value in treating HEADACHES of definite  
etiology, in the HEADACHES of INFLUENZA, of NICOTINE and MORPHIA POISONING,  
and generally where the administration of other remedies have failed.

To be had of every reputed Chemist and Druggist. Supplies constantly on hand at the  
CHINA EXPORT, IMPORT & BANK CO.,  
SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA.

BEWARE OF SPURIOUS IMITATIONS!

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Apply to JOHN D. HUTCHISON, Esq., Hongkong.  
Agents for M. OPPENHEIMER & Co., Paris.

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE AND LONDON.

THE Company's Steamship

"TURBO,"  
Captain J. Mores, will be despatched as above  
on FRIDAY, the 10th April.

For Freight, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [547]

OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVI-  
GATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC

STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1896.

(Subject to Alteration.)

Allmore ..... [Wednesday] ..... [17th April].

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

THE Steamship

"ALTMORE,"  
will be despatched hence for HONOLULU,  
VICTORIA, B.C., and PORTLAND, OREGON,  
via KOBE, and YOKOHAMA, on WEDNES-  
DAY, the 15th April.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States  
Ports should be in QUADRUPPLICATE; and one  
Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to  
the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT,  
Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland,  
Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and  
Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1896. [565]

## SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. L. British Ship

"BRODICK CASTLE,"  
Ferguson, Master, will load here for the above  
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 5th December, 1895. [5692]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. L. British Ship

"QUEEN ELIZABETH,"  
Fulton, Master, will load here for the above Port,  
and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 18th February, 1896. [536]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American Barque

"COLOMA,"  
Noyes, Master, will load here for the above Port,  
and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [545]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 100 A. L. American Iron Ship

"T. F. OAKES,"  
E. W. Reed, Master, shortly expected from the  
North, will load here for the above Port, and  
will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
CARLOWITZ & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1896. [5413]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3 1/2 L.L. American Ship

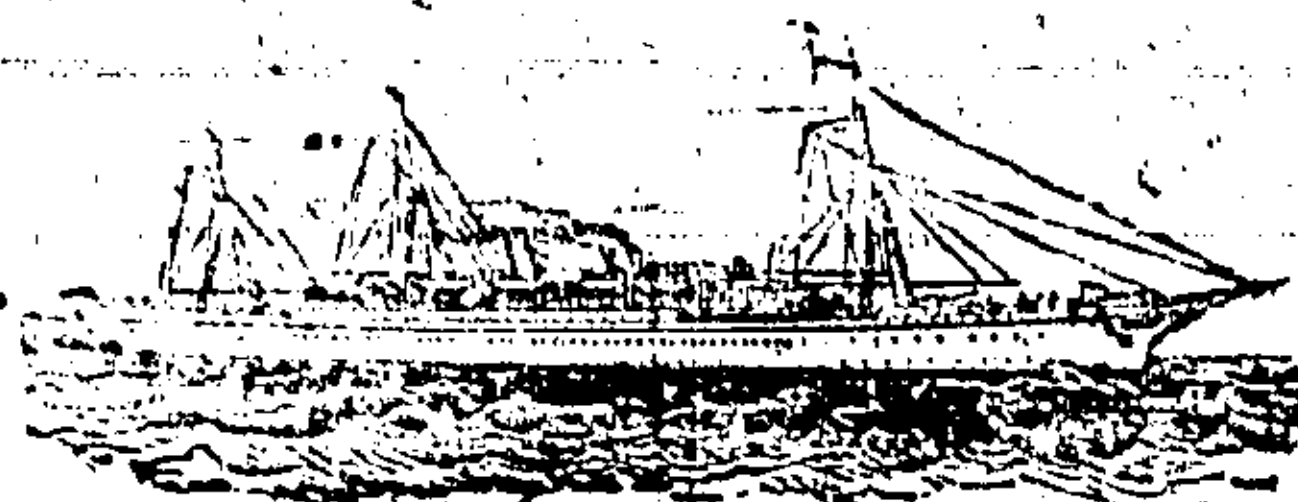
"TAM O'SHANTER,"  
Perbody, Master, will load here for the above  
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
CARLOWITZ & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 16th March, 1896. [5501]

## Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S  
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SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.  
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA  
AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)  
Twin Screw Steamships—4,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 8th April.  
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 29th April.  
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. G. A. Lee, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 30th May.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF  
JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12  
DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PACIFIC TRANS-CONTINENTAL  
TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, leaving there daily, and cross the Continent  
FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is  
made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which  
passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return  
tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 8 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military,  
Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan  
Governments.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney Australia,  
via Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong via Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for 9 months,  
£100.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embraces its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS,  
(second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS  
(the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition)  
and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the  
Line passes.

DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by  
the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,  
Fidelity Street.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1896.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL  
STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO

JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND

EUROPE;

VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

AND

ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING

STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND

HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) ..... Wednesday, 8th April, at Noon.

Belge (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) ..... Saturday, 25th April, at Noon.

Copie (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) ..... Wednesday, 13th May, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"DORIC,"  
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via  
NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA AND  
YOKOHAMA, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th  
April, 1896, at Noon. Connection being made  
at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-  
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu  
and passengers are allowed to break their  
journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,  
France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines  
of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the  
United States or Canada. Rates, and particu-  
lars of the various Routes may be obtained  
upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to  
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,  
Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European  
Officials in service of China and Japan, and to  
Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embark-  
ing at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice  
versa) within one year, will be allowed a dis-  
count of 10 per cent. This allowance does not  
apply to through fares for China and Japan  
to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to  
address in full; and same will be received at  
the Company's Office until Five P.M. the day  
previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-  
tined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the  
United States, should be sent to the Company's  
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,  
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or  
Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company,  
No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 21st March, 1896. [5]

## NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

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AVOID ALL RISK OF OUTBREAK BY

ITS USE.

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Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1896. [59]

## Mails.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR  
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,  
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN  
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.  
Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,  
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND  
AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"KAISAR-I-HIND,"  
Captain C. L. Dudgeon, carrying Her Majesty's  
Mails, will be despatched from this for  
BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 9th  
April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo  
for the above Ports. This steamer connects at  
Bombay with the S.S. Calcutta, leaving that  
port on the 2nd May for London direct.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,  
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will  
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer  
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London,  
other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed  
via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4  
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and  
Value of all Packages required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note  
the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills  
of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to  
ALF. WOOLLEY,  
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1896. [431]

NORTHERN PACIFIC

STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD

COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to  
the very cheap rates offered by this Line  
to the PACIFIC COAST, and to the INTERIOR  
and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES  
and CANADA, and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON \$400.  
Excellent accommodation. First-class Table.  
Doctors and Stewards carried.

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The Railroad-travelling is second to none on  
the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery  
of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The  
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK. Passen-  
gers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first  
class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA \$225.  
Rates of Passage to other Ports on application.  
Special rates allowed to members of Govern-  
ment Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM

HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Tacoma ..... [2,540] Sunday ... [April 12].  
Victoria ..... [1,167] Thursday ... [April 30].  
Olympia ..... [2,608] Monday ... [May 15].

THE Steamship

"TACOMA,"  
Captain R. Crawford, sailing at Noon, on SUN-  
DAY, the 12th April, will proceed to VICTORIA,  
B.C., and TACOMA, Wash., via SHANGHAI,  
KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan,  
Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and  
United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States  
Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one  
copy must be sent forward by the steamer to  
the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific  
Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address  
marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to